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Conclude
standard compound curve taper [angle being an angle at which] approximating the shape of standard incremental stair step root canal cavities [are formed];

(b) a first handle portion having a first color corresponding to the ISO standard color for a standardly tapered endodontic cutting instrument having a same size standard shank diameter corresponding to the first ISO standard color; and

(c) a second handle portion having a color [which is not] other than a standard ISO color to indicate that the cutting portion includes a taper angle that is not a standard taper angle.

22/ 8. (AMENDED) An endodontic cutting instrument [as in Claim 2] comprising:

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(a) a first tapered working portion having spiral-shaped cutting edges which define a first taper angle; and

(b) a second tapered working portion having spiral-shaped cutting edges defining a second taper angle, wherein said second tapered angle further comprises a plurality of angles different from the first tapered angle.

6/ 10. (AMENDED) A method of root canal therapy [as in Claim 9] for eliminating step-back procedure while obtaining consistent results comprising the steps of:

(a) forming a root canal cavity to a desired apical orifice size; and

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(b) enlarging the root canal cavity using progressively larger size endodontic cutting instruments, each having a first cutting portion at a first tapered angle, and having a second cutting portion at the distal tip of the instrument, having a second cutting angle which is steeper than said first cutting angle, wherein said step of enlarging the root canal cavity using progressively larger size endodontic cutting instruments [having a first tapered portion and a second tapered portion which is steeper than the said first tapered portion] further includes the step of using progressively larger endodontic cutting instruments having said first tapered portion and wherein said second tapered portion includes a compound curve tapered portion with a progressively steeper taper at the distal tip.

7/ 14. (AMENDED) A method of forming a step-back eliminating tapered dental cutting instrument [as in Claim 12] for improved root canal therapy comprising the steps of grinding spiral

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